



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the global epidemic of **HIV** infection and **AIDS** requires a worldwide effort to increase communication, education and united action to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS; the joint **United Nations Program** on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) observes December 1st of each Year as **World AIDS Day**; a day to expand and strengthen worldwide efforts to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, UNAIDS estimates that over **36 million** people worldwide are currently living with HIV/AIDS, with young people under the age of 25 accounting for more than half of all new infections; and

WHEREAS, the **Americans Association for World Health** is encouraging a better understanding of the challenge of HIV/AIDS nationally as it recognizes that the number of people diagnosed with **HIV** and **AIDS** in the **United States** continues to increase with up to **900,000 people** in the United States now infected; and

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day provides an opportunity to focus **local, national, and international** attention on HIV infection and AIDS, and to disseminate information on how to prevent the spread of HIV; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 900,000 people in the United States are currently living with **HIV** or **AIDS**, and half of all new HIV infections in the United States are among young Americans under the age of 25;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **Louis H. Bruni**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as **Webb County Judge**, and on behalf of the **Commissioner's Court**, do hereby proclaim **December 01 2003 :**

"World Aids Day"

In **Webb County, Texas** and urge all youth and those who influence them to increase their awareness of the risk of **HIV / AIDS** for themselves and to use their influence in their families, among their friends, and in their communities to help stem the tide of the **HIV/AIDS pandemic**; and.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto signed our names officially and caused the Official Seal of **Webb County, Texas** to be affixed on this 01st day of December, 2003.

The Honorable Louis H. Bruni
Webb County Judge

The Honorable Jerry Vasquez
Commissioner Pct. 1

The Honorable Judith G. Gutierrez
Commissioner Pct. 2

The Honorable Felix Velasquez
Commissioner Pct. 3

The Honorable David R. Cortez
Commissioner Pct. 4